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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11, Clement's Lane,  
Leeward Street. GEORGE STREET, 30,  
Cornhill. GORDON & GOSCH, 121, Hol-  
born Hill, E.C. BATES HENDY & Co.,  
4 Old Jewry, E.C.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW  
ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOSCH, Mel-  
bourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports  
generally.—WHITE & BAUER, San  
Francisco.

CHINA.—Swatow, Amoy & Co., Amoy,  
Guthrie & Co., Foochow, Tientsin, &  
Ch. Shanghai, H. Poon & Co., Ma-  
nila, C. K. BATH & Co.

## Arrivals.

March 17, Marian, British barque, 400  
Tons, Yokohama, March 1, Ballast.  
Order.

March 18, Formosa, Brit. steamer, 700  
Hockin, Foochow 14th, Amoy 16th, and  
Swatow 17th, General. P. & O. Co.

March 17, Lorelei, N. Ger. barque, 303,  
Ingersman, Sydney. Jan. 20, 400 tons  
Coal.—BOURJAU, HUBNER & Co.

## Departures.

March 18, Isis, for Swatow.  
18, Neptune, for Singapore.  
18, Queen of England, for Bangkok.  
18, Victoria, for Choofo.

18, Koolah, for Amoy.  
18, Albatross, for San Francisco.

## Passengers.

Arrived.—Per Formosa, Mr and Mrs  
Kawooki, Mrs Stevens and Dupont, Capt.  
Auzier and Mr Yule, Mr Sackorn, and  
St. Chinese.

## Shipping Reports.

S. S. Formosa, reports having left Foo-  
chow 14th March, Amoy 16th and Swatow  
17th, experienced thick fog and incessant  
rain throughout the passage with vivid  
lightning and thunder squalls; passed the  
str. Yess on the 16th inst. bound North;  
the S. S. Koolah was at Foochow  
when the Formosa left, passed a small screw  
steamer off Tambo bound out.

The North German barque Lorelei, from  
Sydney, reports fine weather and light E.  
N. E. winds; crossed the Equator on 26th  
Feb., in long. 117° E., thence had strong  
W. gales, which lasted for three days; in  
China sea had variable weather and N. E.  
wind till arrival in port on 17th March; 63  
days out.

## New Advertisements.

### NEW GOODS.

Ex "Black Prince" and "Ziba."  
BRASS BEDSTRADES.  
DELICACIES for Macao Trips.  
Despatch BOXES and DESKS.  
STATIONERY.  
HENRIETTA, PARAMATTA, &c., &c.,  
for the opening season.  
ELECTRO PLATE.  
TEAPOTS for early morning Tea.  
LIGHTNING CONDUCTORS.  
PRESSURE GAUGES.  
Leather CLOTH.  
Fire BRICKS.  
Globe CROCKERY.  
Tuscan STRAWS.  
Patent WATER-CLOSETS.  
HATS, UMBRELLS.  
Fishing LINES.  
Leather BELTING for Machinery.  
Bequet BALLS.  
PERUMERY.  
Dust SPECTACLES.  
Krug Champagne.  
FINE PORT WINE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,  
Hongkong, March 18, 1869. apr13

CONSULATE OF THE  
NETHERLANDS.  
ENDERS for REPAIRS of the Dutch  
barque "Agnetta & Constantia," Cap-  
tain VAN LINDEN, will be received at  
this Consulate till SATURDAY, the 20th  
inst. For particulars apply to the Captain  
on board or to the Undersigned.

HONGKONG, March 18, 1869. mar20

FOR SHANGHAI.  
The British steamer  
"NIGER"  
will leave for the above port, on  
or about WEDNESDAY, the  
24th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
THE BORNEO COY. LIMITED.  
Hongkong, March 18, 1869.

SEAM TO  
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.  
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S.  
"FORMOSA,"  
will have quick despatch for the above  
ports.

W. MACAULAY,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, March 18, 1869.

NOTICE.  
FROM and after this date, the style of  
our firm will be WATER, SMITH & Co.  
WAHBE & Co.,  
China Sugar Refinery,  
East Point.

Hongkong, March 17, 1869. apr17

WANTED IMMEDIATELY, one or  
two unfinished BED ROOMS.  
Address "Q." care of office of this paper.  
Hongkong, March 16, 1869. mar23

## New Advertisements.

### NOTICE.

SELLING OFF AT COST PRICE.  
FOR  
ONE MONTH ONLY.

ON and after the 17th proximo, the Store  
of the Undersigned will positively be  
closed, but in the meantime they offer at  
COST PRICE  
The whole of their Immense Stock  
as follows:—

SHIP CHANDLERY.  
Russian Rope, Hotchell's, Marline, Rat-  
line, Seizing Stuff, and Hambroline, Mast  
Hoops, Jib-Hanks, Remy and Sand Paper,  
Hemp and Cotton Canvas, Parcelling, Drill-  
ling, Blocks, Brushes of all kinds, Tar,  
Varnish, Leather and Canvas Hose.

OILMAN'S STORES.  
Pickles, Mustard, Sago, Arrowroot, Ta-  
pion, Pearl Barley, Raisins, Capers, Chut-  
ney and Curry-Powder, Soda, Saleratus,  
Cream Tartar, Sausages, Salserratus,  
Coffee, Sugar, Milk, Flavouring Extracts,  
Essence of Jamaica Ginger, Bologna-Saus-  
ages, Game Pies, Hominy, Preserved  
Meats, Soups, Fruits, and Vegetables.

CARPENTERS AND ENGINEERS'  
TOOLS & STORES.  
Augers, Chisels, Gouges, Files, Screws,  
(Iron and Brass) Hammers, Hatchets, Axes,  
Adzes, Saws, Planes, Hinges, Trysquares,  
Compasses, Screw Drivers, Braces and  
Bits, Hump, Rubber and Lucks' Packing,  
Anvils, Emery Powder, Tube Brushes,  
Belting, Taps and Dies, Water and Gauge  
Cocks, Boiler Plates.

IRONMONGERY.  
Ship and House Cooking Stoves, Parlor  
Grates, Saucepans, Handcuffs, Locks of all  
kinds, Shovels, Spades.

FAIRBANK'S PLATFORM SCALES.  
Iron SAFES.  
Plated, Glass and Crockery WARES.  
Sherry and Port WINES.

BRANDY and WHISKY in bottles and  
casks.

GIN, RUM, LIQUEURS and RUINE  
WINES.

ALE & PORTER.  
Sundry other GOODS.

CHARTS at \$0.50 each.  
THOS. HUNT & Co.  
Hongkong, March 17, 1869. apr17

WANTED.  
TONNAGE for Foochow, for about 400  
Tons Dead Weight.  
Apply to  
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.  
Hongkong, March 16, 1869. tf

FOR SALE.  
FOUR first class CARGO BOATS, all in  
good order with Sails and Gear com-  
plete.  
Average burthen, 800 piculs each.  
Apply to  
MORGAN LAMBERT & Co.  
Hongkong, March 12, 1869.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
WITH a view to the apportionment of  
the Reserve Third of Profits, Share-  
holders are requested to furnish the under-  
signed on or before the 1st April next,  
with a memorandum of the Profits con-  
tributed by them to the above Company.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Liquidators.

Hongkong, March 13, 1869. apr1

HONGKONG HOTEL.  
FROM this date the Management of the  
Hongkong Hotel is placed in charge  
of Mr GEORGE E. PORT, to whom all com-  
munications should be addressed.  
LEE A FONG,  
Lessee.

Hongkong Hotel,  
March 8, 1869. tf

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL.  
THE LONDON & CHINA EXPRESS  
CONTAINS Report on the Committee of  
the Directors of OVERSEAS GURNEY &  
Co.

Also,  
Details of the Telegraph Scheme, to In-  
dia, by Submarine Cables.  
Resumption of the Baringame Mission by  
the French Emperor.  
Cargoes of 11 Ships for China, &c.

THE LONDON & CHINA EXPRESS  
is published in London for the P. & O.  
Co.'s and French Mails, and contains—  
Summary of Home, Parliamentary, and  
Foreign News.  
Special Correspondents' Letters from  
Germany, Holland, &c.  
Leading Articles on the principal inter-  
ests of China.  
Digest of Home Opinions on China Sub-  
jects.  
List of Passengers by the current and  
succeeding Mails.  
Naval and Military News.  
Births, Marriages, and Deaths.  
Commercial, Banking, Share Lists, &c.  
Market Reports, Shipping News, Freight  
Rates, &c., from London and  
the Continent, New York, &c.  
Statistics of Imports and Exports.  
Supplement.  
Statement of each Ship's Cargo for  
China and Japan, and by the P. & O.  
Mails.

SUBSCRIPTION—\$12 per Annum. With  
Export Supplement, \$14.50. Single Copies,  
50 cents.

J. B. MORRIS,  
Agent, Queen's Road.  
Hongkong, March 12, 1869.

## New Advertisements.

### NOTICE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., beg to an-  
nounce that they have received Ex-  
clusive of "Black Prince," a consignment of The As-  
sociated Vineyard Cultivators' Company's  
No. 1 BRANDY.  
Hongkong, March 12, 1869. mar27

GREAT REDUCTION.  
Closing of Business.  
THE Undersigned, who is closing his bu-  
siness in May next, begs most res-  
pectfully to offer to the public, his large  
selection of Photographs, at the following  
low rates, an opportunity that should not  
be lost, patrons wishing to have copies  
from their negatives can have them at  
greatly reduced rates.

Views in set of 60 each, \$20.  
Views in set of 25 each, \$12.50.  
W. P. FLOYD.  
Hongkong, March 12, 1869. tf

"STAG HOTEL."  
Queen's Road, Hongkong.  
EDMUND R. HOLMES.

THE next General MEETING of the  
Members of the Morrison Education  
Society, will be held in the London Mis-  
sion House, on the 30th March, at 3 p.m.  
D. B. MORRIS,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 1, 1869. mar30

NOTICE.  
THE Undersigned being about to leave  
the Colony, request that all persons  
indebted to them will make immediate pay-  
ment of same and all persons having claims  
against them will present them for settle-  
ment by 31st March 1869.

FRED. M. HANSANT.  
GEORGE A. F. MORRIS.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1869. apr1

Auctions.  
GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell  
by Public Auction in their Sales  
Rooms, Queen's Road, on  
FRIDAY,  
the 19th instant, at Noon,—  
An Invoice of Hosiery, comprising:  
Men's white, brown and fancy striped  
Hose, Women's white and striped Stock-  
ings, etc., etc.  
Towels, Handkerchiefs, Table Covers,  
Black French Merino, 100 cases Brandy,  
2 cases Bryant and May's Matches, 12  
doz. Brass Barrel Bolts: A quantity  
of Silver Watch Guards, Japanese Trays,  
Bagatelle Tables, Harness Blacking,  
Framed Engravings, 2 New Medicine  
Chests, Crosse and Blackwell's Arrow-  
root, 90 piculs old Yellow Metal.  
Etc., etc., etc.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery  
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.  
All lots, with all faults and errors of  
description, at Purchaser's risk on the  
fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 16, 1869. mar19

TO ART CONNOISSEURS.  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell  
by Public Auction, in their Store  
Premises, on  
TUESDAY,  
23rd inst., at 2.30 p.m.—  
A number of OIL PAINTINGS,  
WATER COLOURS, etc., in magni-  
ficent Gilt Frames. They include Ori-  
ginals, and Copies from the best masters,  
and will be nearly all sold without reserve.

Among others are:—  
2 Landscapes, original.—REINHARDT.  
1 Judith, original.—RIEDEL.  
1 Country Woman, original.—EPP.  
1 Madonna, after LASSO FERRATO.  
1 The Monk Happy, original.—GRISE.  
1 pair, Morning and Evening, after  
PERUZZI.  
1 "Distinguished Member of the Hu-  
man Society," after LANDSEER.  
1 Grotesque—copy from VANDYKE.  
1 Death of Orpheus—by DE LAIBESSE.  
1 The Nativity—copy from REM-  
BRANDT.  
Etc., etc., etc.

Inspection is invited.  
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery  
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.  
All lots with all faults and errors of de-  
scription at purchaser's risk on the fall  
of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 11, 1868. mar23

PUBLIC AUCTION.  
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. have  
received instructions to sell by  
Public Auction, on  
SATURDAY,  
the 20th March, at Noon, at Messrs  
MULLER & CLAUSSON'S Ship Chandlery  
Store,—  
The remainder of their Stock of SHIP  
CHANDLERY and PROVISIONS,  
comprising Russian and Manila Ropes,  
Paints, Oil, Canvas, Twine, Bunting,  
Hambro and House-lines, Log and Flag-  
lines, Mast Hoops, Hanks, Blocks, gal-  
vanized Thimbles, Paint, and Scabbling  
Brushes, Beef, Pork, Barley Split and  
Green Peas, Claret, Beer, Litters, Bran-  
dy, Preserved Meats, Vegetables, Butter,  
Crockery Ware, etc., etc.

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in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.  
Hongkong, March 17, 1869. mar20



## Shipping.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.  
The American ship  
**"WINDWARD,"**  
Capt. BARRETT, will have quick  
despatch for the above port.  
For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, March 2, 1869.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.  
The American ship  
**"HELVETIA,"**  
Capt. BAILEY, will have quick  
despatch for the above port.  
For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, February 20, 1869.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.  
The American ship  
**"NATIONAL EAGLE,"**  
Captain Nickerson, will have  
quick despatch for the above  
port.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.  
Hongkong, February 20, 1869.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.  
The Amr. Ship  
**"SHIRLEY,"**  
Captain Ferguson, will have  
quick despatch for the above  
Port.  
For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1869.

**NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.**  
THE "BLACK PRINCE" FROM  
LONDON.

CLAIMS against the above Vessel, if any,  
must be sent to the Office of the Under-  
signed before Noon on Saturday next,  
or they will not be recognised by  
TURNER & Co.  
Hongkong, March 17, 1869.

THE following cases have been landed  
and stored at the risk and expense of  
the Consignees, who are requested to take  
immediate delivery.  
Ex "Hoogly," 31st October, 1868.  
1 case Arms.  
Ex "Cambridge," 22 February, 1869.  
GFO 18685 1 case Chemicals.  
Ex "Donnat," 13th March, 1869.  
FFO 436 1 case Stationery.  
O. BERTRAND,  
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## Notices of Firms.

**NOTICE.**  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr  
WILLIAM NELSON in our Firm ceased  
on the 30th June last.  
Mr THOMAS PIM, Mr WILLIAM NISSEN  
OLMSTED and Mr H. RYMOUR GEARY are  
authorized to sign our Firm in Hongkong  
and China from this date.  
OLYFANT & Co.  
Hongkong, October 6, 1868.

FROM this date Mr GEORGE E. LANE,  
will act as Agent of the Pacific Mail  
Steam-ship Company at this port.  
GEO. F. BOWMAN.  
Hongkong, March 15, 1869.

**NOTICE.**  
THE UNION DOCK COMPANY OF  
HONGKONG & WHAMPOA LIMITED  
MR ROBERT S. WALKER has this day  
been appointed Secretary to the Com-  
pany, and Mr JOHN INGLIS, the present  
Acting Secretary, resumes his functions as  
Managing Engineer for the Company.  
By order of the Board of Directors,  
JOHN INGLIS,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 3, 1869.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr  
GEORGE WILHELM SCHWEMANN and of  
Mr ROBERT NELSON in our firm ceased  
on the 31st December 1867, and 31st Decem-  
ber 1868 respectively.  
Mr FERDINAND NISSEN and Mr HENRI-  
CH HOFFMANN have this day been admitted  
partners in our firm at Hongkong and in  
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Per "Mast Steamer" and late Arrivals.  
MISS ROSE  
HAS received a choice assortment of  
French GLACES, black and colored,  
BAREGE and FANCY DRESSES, black  
and colored piece VELVETS and SATINS  
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Ladies' and FANCY RIBBONS, VEL-  
VETS, SASH, and DRESSES, REAL  
TRIMMINGS in great variety. Real  
CLONIE and VALENTIENNE LA ES.  
Ladies' and Children's trimmed and un-  
trimmed HATS in all the fashionable  
shapes.  
Ladies' BONNETS latest styles, Plain  
and Fancy SUNSHADES, French FANS,  
&c.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's French Kid  
GLOVES and BOOTS.  
Ladies' White Satin and Kid BOOTS.  
A large assortment of French and Eng-  
lish HOSIERY, Gentlemen's Black and  
Dark Shell HATS, SHIRTS, COLLARS,  
TIES, &c., &c.  
Hosiery, &c., &c.  
WELLINGTON STREET,  
Opposite the Catholic Chapel.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1869.

S. W. BAKER & Co.,  
BEG to invite inspection of their New  
STOCK for the Season, received per  
late arrivals, including—  
Ladies' Hats, Bonnets, Opera Cloaks,  
Dresses in plain and fancy Silks, Appli-  
cations, Rags, and new Features, French  
Bridal, made, French Sashes, Belts,  
Jackets and Mantles, new shape Jupons,  
white and colored Corsets, Lace Falls, Lace  
and other Trimmings, Ribbons, and Rib-  
bons Velvets in all colors, Hosiery, Kid  
Cashmere, and Bronze Boots, white Satin  
Boots and Kid Gloves. A large assortment  
of Wool and Embroidery Works, as Cushion  
Patterns, Smoking Caps, Muslin Sets, &c.

Sangster's Umbrellas, Christy's new shape  
Felt and Shell Hats, a choice lot of Neck  
Scarves, Ties, Wrappers, Collars, Socks,  
Fancy Tweeds and Coatings, Braces, &c.  
Brussels Carpets, Velvet Pile Carpets  
and Rugs, All Wool Damasks, Lace Cur-  
tains, Table Covers in great variety, Da-  
mask Table Cloths in all sizes, Table Nap-  
kins, D'Oyleys, Blankets, Counterpanes,  
Sheetings, Flannels, Wool Mats, Turkish  
and other Towels, &c.

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S. W. BAKER & Co.  
Hongkong, December 22, 1868.

FOR YOKOHAMA.  
The British barque  
"DOM PEDRO II,"  
Captain YOUNG, will have quick  
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For Freight or Passage, apply to  
F. K. BANAJEE,  
Hongkong, March 18, 1869.

"GUINEVERE" FROM LONDON.  
THE following packages have been land-  
ed and are now stored in the Godowns  
of the Underigned at the risk and expense  
of the Consignees.  
TMB (in disd.) 1/108-108 Packages.  
H F JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, March 18, 1869.

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REDMOND UNIAKKE,  
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The Company's Stock of Chandlery and  
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NOTIFICATION.  
THE TEA TRADE AT CANTON.

THE following Notification has been issued by Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at Canton:—

*Notification*  
No. 2.

BRITISH CONSULATE,  
CANTON, February 26 1860

Representations having been made to the undersigned with reference to the difficulties experienced in obtaining the due fulfilment of contracts through the failure of the Teamen and Brokers to supply Teas in bulk according to the muster upon which they were purchased, he brought the matter, in conjunction with the Consul for the United States, before the Chinese authorities, with a view to devising some remedy.

which the evil complained of might be corrected. It is obvious that the remedy lay at a great extent in the hands of the purchasers themselves, by the refusal of the teas if they were inferior to the samples; and the difficulties interpose in following this remedy, such as tonnage having been engaged, advice being gone forward, and others unnecessary to detail, was likely to cause the rejection of a cargo was likely to cause loss or damage to the Tea-merchant, and to market fluctuations, no unwillingness was felt on his part to such a result; in fact, it was an encouragement to fraudulent practices. The undersigned was therefore of opinion that compelling the fulfilment of contracts or enforcing what is

made an "equitable cut" for inferior quality, the necessary measures, if trade was to be conducted on anything like a sound basis; he therefore directed his attention to devising a mode of arbitration or proceeding by means of which the expenses and delay of a Chinese court of law might be avoided. It is not worth while to detail the particulars of the proposition he made.

after long negotiations, it was rejected by the Tea guild, who met it by a counter proposition that if Tea when delivered was not equal to muster, it should be rejected. Being that no amicable arrangement could be arrived at, the undersigned, in conjunction with the Consul for the United States, requested the Chinese authorities to notify the Teamen, brokers, and others that

the utmost rigour of the law would be enforced in all cases of fraudulent practices, and he hopes that the Proclamation which has been issued accordingly, a copy of a translation of which is annexed, will have the effect intended, by shewing the parties against whom it is directed that they will not escape with impunity from the consequences of their misdeeds.

(Signed) D. B. ROBERTSON,  
Consul.

Proclamation by CHEN, Magistrate of the  
Shanghai District, and YANG, Magistrate of  
the P'owangyu District:—

We have received instructions from his  
Excellency the Financial Commissioner, embro-  
wing orders from his Excellency the Vice

“The Viceroy received a communication on the 20th August last from the British Consul, Mr Robertson, to the effect that he has been addressed by the British merchants at Canton with reference to the great loss and detriment to their trade caused by inferior qualities of the Teas supplied

the Teamen, notwithstanding their con-  
 cts to deliver Teas according to muster.  
 e practice appears to be that the Tea-  
 brokers take round samples of Teas, and  
 merchants after inspecting and tasting  
 their qualities and arranging for the price  
 to be paid for the chop, with the weight in  
 and the time of delivery, engage ton-  
 nage by vessels proceeding to England ;

When the Teas agreed, for arrive in  
out, they are found on inspection to be  
only far inferior in quality to the sam-  
supplied, but largely mixed with what  
called 'lie-teas,' or leaves of plants of  
kinds prepared to imitate the genuine  
This has now become the regular  
practice, and it is necessary that some mea-  
sures should be taken to put an end to the

acts which are thus perpetrated. He therefore urges that measures be devised to bring this end in view, etc., etc. The U.S. Consul, Mr King, has also made a similar presentation. On receipt of the foregoing the Viceroy orders that a notification be issued to the Tea dealers with injunctions to be laid upon them for their obedience." The Magistrate being in receipt of the

the instructions being in receipt of the above instructions, have to issue a notification in pursuance of their tenor; and we therefore accordingly proclaim for the destruction of all members of the Tea Trade, that it is an obvious duty to make honesty and good faith the guiding principles of commerce with foreign merchants, that to cherish fraudulent designs can in

would be permitted. They should, moreover, bear in mind that the bulk of the Tea export has been confined of late years to the ports of Fukien, whilst the local trade of Canton tens itself as the same time diminished in an unusual degree. If fraudulent practices in the way of false packing further persisted in, not only will these acts be liable to prosecution

thus incur the danger of arrest and of loss for compensation, but the trade will continue to fall off daily, and the possibility of gain to the trader will be more remote. It is not difficult to perceive on which side the real interest of dealer actually lies. After the issue of Notification, if the traders referred to amend their ways, and still continue

alging in fraudulent practices, on com-  
ment being lodged by foreign merchants,  
shall not only be required to make  
compensation, but shall further be visited  
with severe punishment, under the statute  
assimilating the offence of obtaining  
money under false pretences with the crime  
of robbery. Be ye careful, therefore, not  
to disobey, and thus to involve yourselves

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